

## LESSON 19

# Doctrine, Reproof, Correction, Training—What It All Means

## 8: Studying the Bible

### Executive Summary

Paul tells Timothy that all Scripture is profitable for four specific purposes: doctrine (teaches the path God designs), reproof (reveals when we've stepped off the path), correction (guides us back to the right path), and training in righteousness (keeps us walking on the path). This four-fold pattern is the framework for a lifetime of Bible study.

### Key Terms

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| <b>Doctrine</b>      | Biblical truth organized and clearly stated so that believers know what to believe and how to live.          |
| <b>Reproof</b>       | Scripture's work of exposing error and showing where belief or behavior has departed from God's path.        |
| <b>Correction</b>    | Scripture's work of restoring wrong belief or conduct to the path God has revealed.                          |
| <b>Righteousness</b> | Conformity to God's holy character and standard, received in Christ and increasingly practiced by believers. |

### Key Verses

English Standard Version (ESV)

#### 2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

#### James 1:22

22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

## Application Questions

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**1. What are the four ways 2 Timothy 3:16 says Scripture helps us?**

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**2. How does the Bible both show you what is wrong and guide you back to what is right?**

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**3. What truth from Scripture do you already know but need to put into practice?**

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**4. What repeated action could help train you to live according to that truth?**

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